

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1518 - HB 1220

February 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a separate voting line at each polling place for voters who are physically disabled, pregnant or elderly. The bill requires a specific worker(s) to be dedicated to this line to ensure that these particular voters are directed to the line established for them and to expedite their voting.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$174,000*

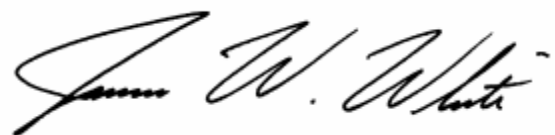
Assumptions:

- Requires a specific individual to be designated to a new voting line at each of the 2,400 polling places. In order to comply with this provision, most counties would need to hire a new worker to handle this requirement.
- The total cost represents an average cost to hire such worker(s) in all of the counties since each county determines its own rate of pay for poll workers. It is estimated that the average rate of pay is approximately \$72.50.
- There are two state elections held every two years in August and November. Every county will hold at least four elections over the next four years.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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